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Minutes 8/9/16

Present: Tim, Dave, Paul, Steve, Chuck, Aubrey, Ken, Al, Gordy, Fred, Tom Guest: Doug Couvelier
Absent: Lisa

- I. Minutes: Minutes for May, June and July were moved to be approved by Ken and seconded by Gordy. Passed unanimous.
- II. Updates: Gordy asked about any news regarding the Finny bridge repair. Kendra noted that she had not heard of any news regarding the grant. // Discussion on the Feds allowing 130+ acres to be cut for fire control and the environmentalist being upset. //Comments about the lawsuit regarding culverts and what the County Commissioners intend to do as far as replacements. //Forest Service has stated that Cumberland Pass bridge replacement will be \$385,000 and Dave commented that it should not exceed \$30-50,000. This indicates the waste and poor management.
- III. Discussion Items:
 - a. TFW Policy tour: Dave gave his option of the tour and Ken said he talked to Doug Hooks with all agreeing that it was a success and that the important take home message was that ID teams work, the model was not accurate and therefore other tools are necessary. Physicals alone are grossly over estimating fish habitat and it is necessary to use electro-fishing. TFW will be giving an update to the FPB on progress on the water typing at their meeting 8/10/16.
 - b. Blanchard Update: The Blanchard committee will be hosting a BBQ and tour for the elected officials and candidates to educate them on the Blanchard agreement. This will be in September. Commissioner Janicki and Wesen are planning on attending.
 - c. Aerial spraying: This has been an issue for the FPB. The FAB noted that permits are already required, that it is illegal to have drift and the Dept of Ag holds all of the records for the general public to view. Applicators do not need to list all of the chemicals, just the ones they are using. Compliance monitoring takes place to insure being done correctly. Al noted that the applicant needs to file by the unit not as a whole. He also said that there are spray cards and plants that are used to determine whether or not there has been drift.
 - d. FAB tour: The FAB discussed doing an educational tour on the Janicki property to look at alternative plans and tree growth comparisons with different silvacultural practices. Considering the second week of September if Mike Janicki would be up to it.
 - e. FAB priorities: FAB discussed what they believe priorities should be for the BoCC and their role. They listed the following and not necessarily in this order. They will spend more time on this at their next meeting. 1. Small landowner alternative plan and template; 2. Money for SLO culvert work; 3. 6 years for EQIP funding; 4. Celebrate what has been accomplished over the last 20 years with Forest Fish, the HCP- no other state has done what industry has done here; 5. RMAP compliance- everyone needs to satisfy this and not just industry who have spent millions. To be successful everyone needs to do their share. It was noted that because the infrastructure is so diverse on the west side forestry has been able to maintain, however it is a different story on the east side and smaller landowners are not able to survive.
- IV. Adjourn 9:05 a.m.